

Assembly Bill No. 2499

Passed the Assembly May 31, 2006

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2006, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 8589.1 of the Government Code, relating to emergencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2499, Ruskin. Emergencies: State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program.

(1) Existing law provides that it is the duty of the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program established by the Office of Emergency Services to collect and disseminate data for emergency management.

This bill would further specify that the duties include an inventory of state personnel and resources available to the state and the state's mutual aid regions in times of emergency. It would also require the office to develop policies and procedures governing the inclusion of private sector resources available to the state and the state's mutual aid regions in times of emergency, and would require the office to pursue all available federal grant funding to offset program costs.

(2) Existing law provides for participation in the program by specific state agencies as well as any state agency not specified that collects data and information that will affect an emergency response.

This bill would include the State Department of Health Services and the California National Guard within the specified agencies required to participate in the program.

(3) Existing law specifies that it is the Legislature's intent that the program facilitate communication between state agencies and that the emergency information be readily available to city and county emergency services offices.

This bill would further specify the intent of the Legislature that the program facilitate planning coordination and resource exchange between state agencies, and be compatible with the office's standardized emergency management system. It would make a conforming change with respect to city and county emergency services offices.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8589.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

8589.1. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program (SCEDEP) which shall be responsible for the collection and dissemination of essential data for emergency management, including an inventory of state personnel and resources available to the state and the state's mutual aid regions in times of emergency. The office shall develop policies and procedures governing the inclusion of private sector resources available to the state and the state's mutual aid regions in times of emergency.

(b) Participating agencies in SCEDEP shall include the Department of Water Resources, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of the California Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, Emergency Medical Services Agency, the State Fire Marshal, the State Department of Health Services, the California National Guard, and any other state agency that collects critical data and information that affects emergency response.

(c) The office shall pursue all available federal grant funding to offset the cost of the SCEDEP.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program facilitate communication, planning coordination, and resource exchange between state agencies and that emergency information be readily accessible to city and county emergency services offices. The Office of Emergency Services shall develop policies and procedures governing the collection and dissemination of emergency information and shall recommend or design the appropriate software and programs necessary for emergency communications, planning coordination, and resource exchange with and between city and county emergency services offices. It is further the intent of the Legislature that this program be compatible with the office's standardized emergency management system.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor